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SUBJECT: DARFUR: ABDUCTION OF AMIS STAFF IN EL FASHER

¶1. According to AMIS contacts, at 5:30 p.m. on December 10, unknown gunmen abducted Nigerian Major Adeniyi Rak, Military Assistant to Deputy Head of Mission Ambassador Hassan Gibril, and a second AMIS staff member along with their vehicle approximately 300 meters from the residence of U.S. Military Observers (Mil Obs) in El Fasher. U.S. Mil Obs heard two pistol rounds; 15 minutes later AMIS informed them of the hijacking of the AMIS vehicle and staff.

¶2. AMIS does not have any information on the identity of the assailants, or as to the whereabouts of the abductees. SLA and JEM representatives to the Ceasefire Commission deny involvement of their groups.

¶3. According to a European Mil Obs, European police representatives in AMIS CIVPOL offered their assistance in the investigation; AMIS Force Commander Major General Luke Aprezi declined their offer, however.

¶4. General Aprezi consulted with the Sudanese Armed Forces on December 12; according to AU contacts, an AMIS team left Khartoum to conduct an investigation. El Fasher police have no information about the abduction.

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